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Senator Musto, Representative Jutila, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to your committee.

I am writing in support of **HB 5479**, An Act Concerning an extension of the activity distance ban to exits of polling places.

I support this bill because it will ensure a neutral environment for voters at both entrances and exits of polling locations. When turnout is lower during budget and other referendum votes, the dedicated members of our electorate are subject to a greater amount of attention from solicitors.

House Bill 5479 offers relief from electioneering at both the entrance and exit of polling locations. Unwanted solicitation at polling exits may not immediately impact an elector's decision at the ballot box but there is certainly potential for this type of activity to influence the outcome of future votes and voter turnout.

I appreciate your consideration of this legislation and the opportunity to speak before your committee.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Orange".

Linda Orange
Deputy Speaker, 48th District